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Thanks

... to those parents who have supported our choir over recent months

People of the week

... Mrs Walker and Mr Schuster for all their work in the build up to this week's choir performance

... The school choir ... you were amazing. Well done!

... Connan Wiegersma, see end of email

Term Calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand!*

19 September Year 7 and 8 Volley Ball Tournament

22 September Northlnd Cross Country

25 September School Talent Show

27 & 28 September Junior School Production

29 September Final day for term 3 (16/10 ... First day term 4)

Korea Day

... is scheduled for Tuesday 19 September. This is a day when we especially celebrate things Korean and acknowledge the many benefits from hosting Korean students in our school.

Children are encouraged to come dressed in something red or blue (colours of the Korean flag) and to bring along a second pair of shoes (or slippers) to wear inside the classroom, which is usual practice in Korea.

Out of Zone ... applications for siblings of current students

The board has reserved sufficient places for siblings of out of zone student for 2018. Having said this, an official application for these positions must be placed with the school office by 18 October. Failure to submit an application by this date will result in forfeiture of this position. Any questions please just drop by or phone Helen.

Out of Zone Places ... Year 7 and 8 Cambridge Programme

A limited number of OOO places will be available at the senior end of our school for next year. We anticipate three senior classes and student teacher ratios, in some subjects, as low as 1 teacher to 14 students (approximately), compared with 1:35 in some urban schools. These students will be exceptionally well prepared for secondary school (no matter which secondary, and regardless of whether or not it offers Cambridge), on average around 1 to 2 years ahead of where they would be if they had not done this programme. Our conviction has only deepened with experience, that the Cambridge Programme is an exceptional programme, which dovetails extremely well with the NZ Curriculum and innovative learning. Additional information is available on our website.

Home Gardens

Please contact Mrs Burgin with any questions.

Blog site coming your way soon.

Please refer to recent newsletters (stored on our website) for information on...

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|---------------------------------|--|
| ... cohort policy | ... OOO Applications |
| ... Oral dental health services | ... school contributions / activity fees |
| ... scholastic book club | ... Art scholarship |
| ... senior debating teams | |

Calf Club Day - Thursday 19 October 2017

If your child/ren want to rear calves, lambs or goats it is probably a good idea to 'source' your animal now to enable sufficient time for training. The animal must be born after 1st July 2017. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. Goats (depending on numbers) are judged on rearing, leading & calling. A booklet on how to prepare your lamb or calf for calf club day is available from the office.



You can also bring a 'pet' which can include rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. A pet booklet will be sent home with interested children nearer the end of term. Note that **NO DOGS or PUPPIES** are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day. **Please do not bring pregnant animals or new-borns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health.**

Mrs Dorahy has been around classrooms this week to collect names of children who are bringing animals. Please connect with your child to check you are able to bring the animal to school. Pet Booklets (for animals other than calves, lambs & goats) will be issued to children who have confirmed their animal next week. Please contact the office if you have any queries about the day.

School Talent Show - 25 September 2017



Class auditions took place last week. Final auditions took place this week. Teachers will refine acts with selected students next week, with the final performance Monday 25 September (week 10).

Please ensure children continue bring instruments, props or costumes to school next week. Any questions to Mrs walker please.

Junior Production - 27 & 28 September - Save the date!

Our junior school will be presenting a mini production combining our learning in the performing arts of dance, singing, instrumental and drama. The production is based on the fairy tale Pinocchio - Fairy tale Metamorphosis! We will be performing for the school and kindergarten on Wednesday 27th September at 11:30am and for parents and whanau on Thursday 28th September at 11:30am in week 10 of this term.



Operation Christmas Child

Each classroom has two "shoeboxes" which we hope to get filled with your help. The boxes will be sent to children in need (as a result of poverty, war, famine, natural disaster or disease). Suitable items to send to school to include in the box are: T-shirt, cap, small soft toy, craft items, things for school (eg a pen, pencil, exercise book), small toys (eg tennis ball, car, skipping rope), soap, facecloth, toothbrush. All items need to be new. The boxes will be collected at the end of Term 3 (28 September). If you would like to fill a shoebox as a family feel free to collect a box from the office. For more information go to operationchristmas.org.nz. Thank you so much for your support.

Finally

This week I would like to pay tribute to Conanan Wiegersma who has coached and refereed the mini sticks blue team this year. Connan has performed this role incredibly well, with a sense of service, maturity, fairness and compassion beyond his years. Connan (with the help of Briana and Jaynaia) has helped create a hugely positive dynamic around this team. Well done to you all.

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

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School Lunches



Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Mince (or Mince & Cheese) Pie, Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), butter chicken wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the fruit drink for a flavoured milk for \$5.00. *Order by Wednesday afternoon at the latest at the office, to receive Friday.*

Community Notices

Girl Guide Biscuits – on sale now. Order at www.guidebiscuits.org.nz or buy at Cameron Street Mall between 9.30 – 1.30pm 23 September –Flavours are Mini Choc, Chocolate, Plain. \$3.50 per packet or \$10 for 3.

Bog Slog – Adventure Mud Run, Sunday 24th September 10.30am registration, 11am start. 4km circuit. \$15 per adult (over 14yrs) or \$10 for kids (6-13 yrs). Purua School fundraiser (for a bigger bus). Entry includes drink & sausage. Shoes compulsory. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd placegetters. Check facebook *purua bog slog* or admin@purua.school.nz

Pilates at Ruatangata Hall Wednesdays at 5.30 or Fridays at 6.30; \$100 for 10 sessions, or \$15 casual. Book with Carla online at <http://www.justdancewhangarei.biz/> or cell 021 0235 7440. Highly recommended as a great way to increase your core strength and flexibility under great guidance.

Creative Writing Workshops - led by local author Donna Blaber will be held at Whangarei Central Library this coming school holidays. Create New Ideas and Write Gripping Plots - Monday 9th October 2017; Travel Writing - Tuesday 10th July 2017. Workshops run from 9am-3pm daily and cost \$35 per day. Find out more at www.donnablaber.com/workshops

Holiday Fun @ KiwiNorth - Close encounter with Flash the Tuatara 2 - 10 October after 11am kiwi feeding. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. At keepers discretion. Kiwi Feeding & keeper talk - 11am, 1pm, and 3pm daily. Heritage Park rides 4th to 13th October 10am to 2pm, Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays. Mini trains 10.30am to 2.30pm Wednesdays only. www.kiwinorth.co.nz

The Kauri Museum - October School Holidays at DIY Poster Prints Workshop; 10am-2pm Wednesday 4 October 10am-2pm Wednesday 11 October Cost: \$15 each; 7-17 years Registrations essential; 15 children per session; 5 Church Road, Matakoho. Email admin@kaurimuseum.com or call (09) 4317417

Want to play cricket for Kamo Cricket Club? - Junior Registration Day is Saturday 30 September 10am – 12pm at the club (Kamo Rec, Butler Place, Kamo). Come along for registration and some fun games. If you can't make it, online registration is available at: www.sporty.co.nz/kamocricket Existing and new junior members (girls and boys up to year 8) of all abilities welcome. Professional coaching provided for all grades. A great way to enjoy the sunshine and make new friends.

Compost for Sale



Fonterra have very generously offered to donate compost. They have donated a large amount for us to sell as a fundraiser for Matarau School!!!

The Fonterra compost is made from whey mixed with sawdust, and is GREAT FOR THE GARDEN. Whey provides the soil with minerals such as magnesium, potassium and protein and also improves the overall texture. *Great for home garden projects!*

We will be selling the compost for \$30 / cubic metre (approx 4x6 sized trailer load) which can be picked up from the Fonterra yard on Jordan Valley Road. Please bring your own trailer.

Pickup will only be available on Saturday's 23rd & 30th September 2017, between 10 & 12 noon only.

Contact Helen at Matarau School office prior to Friday 22nd or 29th September to make payment and collect a "pickup ticket".

Thank you.

I _____ would like to purchase _____ trailer load(s) of whey compost.

I have enclosed ..\$_____ payable at the Matarau School Office or direct credited to 12-3093-0239515-00 by 3pm Friday 22nd or 29th September; pickup tickets will be issued on receipt of payment.

Directions.

On the northern side of Jordan Valley Road, 200 m east from the Rushbrook Road T junction.